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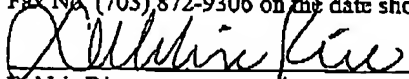
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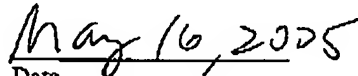
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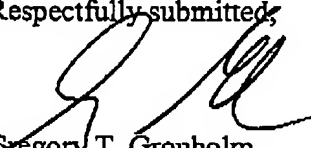
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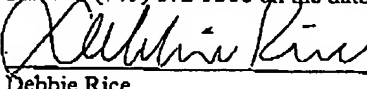
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**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.